



It has recently come to my attention that, due to the fact that the Gay population of this city is increasing daily, activity and participation for Club shows is almost nil!

This doesn't make any sense.. does it? Considering the bulk of our local society, would you say we're losers.. where there is much to be gained. Some may say 'yes'.. others.. 'no'... or 'compared to what'.... The latter a cop-out!... Do we have to be in competition to create?

At our recent New Years Ball, several of our gay brothers took it upon themselves to spend many hours and bucks to provide an evenings entertainment for you. Considering the numerous problems they encountered (we'll discuss these later) they arrived on stage that evening and entertained us with much enthusiasm and much talent. They really deserve a bouquet. Again.. on Valentines, this time we owe many of our thanks to a gay sister.. and the usual great deal of work was put forth by several members of the gay community.

However, because of the many problems involved, that "enthusiasm" is dying in leaps and bounds.

I took upon myself, to try an analysis of the situation.

1) What happened to our oldies but goodies?

2) Does our entertainment deserve a budget, and if so.. where is it?

3) Where are the girls?

4) What.. a whole cast has a cubicle of about 30 square feet... in which to dress.. do make up.. etc.

5) Why so many personality clashes?

Could this be part of the reason we had a minimum of shows in 1975. Can we be proud of this?

Many ask... "What happened to our oldies but goodies"... Oh they're still around.. but due to so much criticism, they've dropped out of the picture. After talking to some.. they're still willing, but skeptical. Some phrases as "oh no.. not her again" can really hurt. It's really a slap in the face to someone who has spent the money and effort... to entertain YOU!! This is only one of many such phrases heard on a show night... but those same people.. with the BIG MOUTHS.. offering these gratifying comments.. never come forward to offer something better.

There are many opinions with regards to a budget for our entertainment. The Board of Directors have okay'd the purchase of a Follow Spot.... to a grand total of close to \$400.00. That, without a doubt falls into the category... BUDGET... but what about those many little extras.. make-up, costumes, back-drops. The board, I'm sure, are willing to be generous in their allotment of funds to each production.... but to date..

we have nothing to show for past expenditures: no wardrobe.. no make-up kits, no back-drop furniture... and whats even more important... no stock control.. and no inventory! If we added up all the bread that went in this direction over the years, I think we'd become far more concerned.

'Where are the girls'... cops lets back-track.. we've found one.. but we can use more. Why aren't they coming forward.. only they can answer that! This is a sad situation.. because I'm sure they would have a lot to offer. Come on girls!.. your ideas can really help, your talents can bring more variety to the show and your interest along will be greatly appreciated. Michelle was a terrific leader and advisor in preparing the Valentine's show... we'd like to see more of this participation.

And then of course, adding to the frustrations are items such as little or no dressing room.. no curtains or back-drop to put on a more effective show.. and no stage. If we had an organized show group, working as a team, the interest alone, I'm sure, would bring such developments forward. People working for one-another.. with each-others best interests at heart could find the time and effort to construct these necessary extras'. Our capabilities are not the draw-back.. but lack of interest and enthusiasm could be the reason we've never progressed much in this direction.

Then last, but not least... the many personality clashes which are projected during many of the rehearsals, and sometimes on show night. Well... by the time a cast has put up with all the fore-mentioned hurdles... it's no wonder that everyone's nerves are right up there... at the breaking point.

A show is not an easy task... it takes a great deal of planning hours of rehearsal... and much preparation of one-self.. to be emotionally prepared for the evening of the show. I think

this is why I was very enthused when Michelle, our program director, came to me with the proposition of organizing a Club 70 Show Group. No longer would the pressures be on the individual along... but would be carried and dealt with on a work-shop basis.

However, we need YOUR help! Not only do we need a variety of on-stage entertainers.. but people who have suggestions... writers.. people to prepare comedy skits... recording assistance... wardrobe.. something unique you may have in your home record library..... anything... you may feel useful to the entertainment of us all. If you're fed-up with drag presentations... alone... then drop us a note.... you'll make our program director.. and all your friends a lot happier.... when the entertainment can be of a greater variety.. and possibly geared in their direction.

Please don't get the feeling that everything will be dropped into your hands.. and you won't have the time to be as creative as you'd like. It's team work that will conquer the problem... lets share the work.

The Board of Directors have provided us with a Follow-Spot... that's a good place to start... Lets see if your participation can help the list grow... through the rest of 1976.

THE EDITOR

" W H E R E A R E Y O U "

I wonder why love won't come my way,
I wait for it each and every day.
So lonely am I without one to love,
Then you've thought you've found it,
all you get is a shove.
Right out the door without a thought,
They throw you away and never get caught.
While you sit and hurt it doesn't mean a thing,
They got what they wanted without using a ring.
To throw love around like they always do,
But you follow anyway and get turned into a fool
Why do I do it I say to myself,
I'm sure I could go find someone else.
But its the same old game for which they all play,
I can always hope I'll meet the right one someday.
Until then I'll sit worried and hurt,
Trying to think of something that will surely work.
I wonder why love won't come my way,
All I can do is sit and pray.
Please come love me thats all I ask,
And take off that foolish acting mask.

Barbara Bottone

To say words that we don't mean..
Is like taking action..
only for practice.

Barbara Bottone

GOURMET

gobbling

with

CORN BREAD... or JOHNNY CAKE

- 1 cup Flour
- 2½ tsp Baking powder
- 1/3 tsp Salt
- 1/4 tsp Soda
- 1/2 cup Cornmeal
- 1/4 cup Butter
- 1/4 cup Sugar
- 1 Egg yolk
- 1/4 cup Molasses or honey
- 3/4 cup Cold milk
- 1 Egg white

Mix together in above order. Fill pans only 2/3 full. Bake at 375 to 400 degrees.

Serve cut in squares with hot Maple Syrup, or as bread with your meal.



JOKES-----JOKES-----JOKES-----JOKES-----JOKES-----JOKES-----

by JOHN HALLS

&

GARY WILSON

Two old lesbians priced the bananas and found they were three for a quarter. One said "Oh good... then we can eat one"!

aircraft, delivering people to a Swish Seminar.

These two movie stars, both male, got married. The next week one got a job. As he was preparing breakfast, the other was in the bathroom for a long time. The first guy peeked in and saw his partner jacking off in a condom. "Be right out," he said, "I'm just packing your lunch".

LAXATIVE... a Doo Goader

A PASSING FANCY:... a Gay Quarterback!

A beautiful dream can leave an ugly mess in bed.

The other day we noticed one of our lovely office gals walking kind of bow-legged, and asked what was the matter. She explained that she was going to an orgy that night, and had her hair in curlers.

It's easy to rise and shine fellas!!... if you'll polish your rod with a yeasty rag!!!....

Sign on a beer Cooler:
"Try it!!.... You'll leak it!"

GAY FACT:

There are 206 bones in the human body and the one you are thinking of is not really a bone at all!

LABOR PAINS.... BIRTE QUAKES

FASHION NOTE:... Women are discarding brassiers, but few go topless. Bossons are down, but not out!

There was once a young man named Paul,
Who had almost no penis at all.
It was fine for keyholes,
and fens and wee holes,
But with big chicks, was of no use at all!

An orgy is one thing that proves that not all men are created equal.

Then there was the mother who bought her son a piano, so he would stop playing with the neighbour's boys organ!

A willing competitor is defined as a guy who finishes first and third in a jackoff contest

The hardest time for a girl to hate herself in the morning, is when she loved it the night before.

OUR GAY FICTIONARY

Our Funki Gay Fictionary Defines:
Wooden Dildo as a Hickory Dickery
Transvestite as a Wemans Fibber
Falsies as the enhancer to a Maidens pair.

FRUIT FLY: A chartered



NOTES and NEWS

.....Here is news of concern to everyone; the fact is that the door admission cost is going up starting March 6th. The increase is due to escalating operating costs in an era of inflation. The adjustment is from \$1.50 to \$2.00 for members; and from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for Non-members,

.....There is a possible discontinuation of wine on Friday nights because not enough people are using this alternative to beer. If you object, talk to the Club's Manageress.

.....Sunday Brunches will now start at 12:00 PM till 3:00 PM at the club. It is felt that the later opening time will be more convenient for everyone.

.....Good news for all you alcoholic lushes... the bar will not be closed for more than 20 minutes (max 30 min) during club shows. Apparently many of you had severe withdrawal symptoms when the bar remained closed during most of the Valentine performance.

.....and while we're on the subject of performances; it was felt by the board that anyone participating in a show cannot be on paid staff the same evening. Obviously this causes a conflict of interest.

.....Because of the damage done to the back door of the club (presumably by deviate straights), the board has just had the overhead door repaired and a steel grating installed to the tune of around \$500.00.... and people wonder where their money goes.

.....a stand-up bar will be constructed around the dance floor in order to alleviate the congestion around the bar. This should make cruising even more interesting, right?

.....St. Patrick's week-end... The Club will feature Irish Stew and Irish Coffee on Saturday, March 20th. The door fee will be boosted by \$1.00 for that evening to cover the costs of the stew. Irish Coffee can be obtained with the regular liquor tickets. This should be a fun night for everyone. Plan to attend.

.....It's certainly good to see that Club 70 members have finally gotten off their asses and submitted material for the Newsletter. DON'T STOP KEEP IT COMING.

That's all for now... PEACE!
Your Secretary





NEWS FROM GATE

ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY SPLIT ON GAY RIGHTS ISSUE

Lobbying actions with politicians are beginning to pay dividends for Alberta's gay people. This can be seen from the reception of a delegation of twelve men and women from GATE (Edmonton) at the Alberta Liberal Convention in Red Deer on February 14. The convention organizers were generally polite, perhaps even a bit solicitous, in setting up an impromptu meeting with party leader Nick Taylor and Alberta's only federal representative, Senator Hastings.

While spokespeople for the gay delegation met with party officials, other members of the lobbying team distributed leaflets to the convention delegates. The leaflets stated our concern over the federal Liberal government's failure to include gay people under the proposed Canadian Human Rights Act (Bill C-72), and called on the Alberta Liberal Party to include gay civil rights as an official part of its program.

Nick Taylor reaffirmed the position he adopted during the Alberta election in 1975: that he supports inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" in The Individual's Right Protection Act and The Alberta Bill of Rights. Taylor told the press that he regards this proposal as "eminently sensible". The new president of the Alberta Liberal Association, Sharon Carstairs, also supports gay rights.

There are indications, however, that in spite of Taylor's support there are areas in which he is not prepared to support us. Notably, this includes areas of employment where young people are involved. In view of these reservations expressed by Taylor, it is clear he has not completely overcome belief in traditional stereotypes of gay people.

The Gay delegation was not so well received by former party president, Jack Pickett. To the visible embarrassment of other party officials, Pickett shredded the leaflet handed to him

and suggested that the remaining supply should be disposed of up the ass of the leafleter. Only the influence of three of his colleagues restrained Pickett from physically expelling one member of the gay contingent from the building.

The Liberal Party was further embarrassed by Jack Pickett's statements to the press. His comments were objectionable on two counts. By referring to the lesbian members of the lobbying team as "hags" which "no man would touch", Pickett reveals a total objectification of women which is an affront to all women, lesbian and non-lesbian alike. And further, by stating that "this minority should not be allowed to express their opinion", Pickett shows a frightening disregard for the give-and-take of parliamentary democracy.

Taken as a whole the Red Deer action was a marked success. It received widespread coverage in the press, valuable for two reasons. More members of the public are now aware of the organized gay liberation movement and its objectives. And more members of the public now know that our politicians are beginning to respond to gay demands.

The success of the action in Red Deer reaffirms the value of the public struggle for gay rights. Perhaps with more effort, even the government will begin to listen.

EDMONTON JOURNAL SLAMS GAYS

Bryson Stone, Advertising Director for The Edmonton Journal has informed GATE (Edmonton) that "...we have refused and will continue to refuse advertising from individuals or organizations, having nothing whatsoever to do with the particular lifestyle that you espouse and wish to foster through our columns. Our standards have stood the test of time and we do not

intend to relax them on your behalf."

This declaration comes after repeated attempts to submit advertisements for GATE (Edmonton)'s counselling service and for The Body Politic, Canada's leading gay liberation newspaper. The Edmonton Journal has stated its position, and declared that further correspondence on the matter will be "fruitless." This in GATE (Edmonton)'s behalf as well. It is apparent that The Edmonton Journal is not prepared to give GATE's case a fair hearing. The Journal's Advertising Director has shown that he is not prepared to listen by declaring that The Body Politic, subject of one of the advertisements submitted, "is not in good taste," while giving reasonable grounds for believing that he has never even seen a copy. He refers to The Body Politic, a tabloid newspaper, as a "book".

The Edmonton Journal is not alone in this policy. The Calgary Herald, Red Deer Advocate and Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune also reject advertising from gay organizations.

The importance of having access to the classified advertisements of daily newspapers can be seen from the number of people who have responded to GATE (Edmonton)'s ads in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat newspapers. For the first time gay Albertans in smaller centres are becoming aware of an organized gay community with which they can identify. Responses have been coming from Fort MacLeod, Taber, Claresholm and other smaller centres as well. The above four daily newspapers are denying people this vital link.

GATE (Edmonton) is planning to carry on this struggle by taking a complaint of discrimination to The Alberta Human Rights Commission.

In British Columbia, GATE (Vancouver) has recently won a similar case against The Vancouver Sun. The complaint involved the refusal of The Sun to accept advertisements for Gay Tide, a newspaper published by GATE (Vancouver). The Sun is appealing the decision.

HELP!

GATE (Edmonton) is printing a 35-page brief to submit to The Alberta Human Rights Commission asking for support of the Commission for gay civil rights. The cost of this undertaking including printing 150 copies plus postage will approach \$100.00. Since we are a volunteer organization with no permanent source of funds, and with a regular monthly expenditure of roughly \$120.00 for rent and telephone, this is a major drain on our resources. We are appealing to people in the Edmonton gay community to help out with financing this project. Donations will be gratefully accepted:

- (1) by mail
P.O. Box 1852, Edmonton
- (2) at our drop-in centre at
3225 - 109 Street (upstairs)
any time between 7:00 and
10:00 p.m. Monday through
Saturday
- (3) at the GATE newspaper booth
at Club '70 on Fridays and
Saturdays

This project is part of the national campaign of gay rights in employment, housing and public services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- (1) GATE Annual Meeting: 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 1976, GATE Office, 3225 - 109 Street. The agenda includes the election of officers and the budget.
- (2) GATE Civil Rights Committee meets every Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at the GATE Office.
- (3) GATE Drop-In Centre now has a television. Coffee and conversation is always available.



- gabbing - with - Gurtie -

FLASH!!... rumor has it that both Mr. John H. and MS. B are playing house with MISS B. ??.....

Rumor heard from real clean source that MS?is back haunting the Georgia Tubs. It was MS Sarrah! So... look out girls!!!

Rumor has it that slinging all that booze behind the bar... can have quite an effect on a marriage.

It it true that two old flames have met again, and may start another HEATED RELATIONSHIP?? Between...Hanna & Dale??

We noticed that Miss Tom was so spinny on Valentines that she really flipped her WIG! Wonder what she saw in the audience. Rumor has it that Tom will do no more shows for CLUB 70'

and what's more!! we have it that MS. Ness is such a large lady, that it took her 3 days after the last show, to roll the Spot Light back to the rental shop... Oh well!!!... that's show bizzz.....

I heard that the other CLUB in town is for Sale!.. or is planning to move to a larger and GAYER premises??????????

We've noticed that when Miss Bubbles was at the Parkside in Calgary, she spent four of the six hours... in the Men's Washroom. What a girl has to go through to get clean hands!!.....

We see two old members are back at 70'. Did Miss Mildred and Chatty get the boot! (or fist) from Flashback??

Further rumor has it that Bubbles is to open a CLUB in the Boardwalk. But when we asked... we got no comment.

OLD FAIRIES NEVER DIE
THEY JUST BLOW AWAY!

P.S. Please send replys to CLUB 70 NEWS. P.O. BOX 1716
MAIN POST OFFICE

C/O GABBY GURTIE

Dear Editor;

Two friends of mine have been considering a Gay marriage for sometime now. At a point where they became very serious about it, they contacted the Metropolitan Community Church to establish if, and how, they could go about this move.

Several days after they inquired, they recieved a very informative letter which I thought you would like to print, for the benefit of many other Gay brothers and sisters in our community.

I've obtained their permission to forward the letter and have enclosed it.

We wish to remain anonymous.

Dear Gay Brother:

Congratulations on finding your relationship with-----. You speak of your communion of life with him in such quiet, assured tones that it comes across as being very good and indeed blessed.

As to your questions about same sex marriages, so far in Canada there is no such thing. A year or so ago a Unitarian Minister posted banns and did a service for two men, however, the provincial government disallowed it. A minister here is about to do one for two women, but apparently the Registrar General will allow it to remain on the books but no legal benefit will occur from it. Marriage comes under provincial jurisdiction so Alberta could differ from others, although I doubt it.

In the United States four years ago two men found a loophole in Texas state laws, obtained a license and were married. That marriage is a matter of record, but again no legal benefits, or recognition, seems to accrue. Last year the county clerk in Boulder, Colorado, began to issue licenses, but after six the state found a way to stop any more. The ensuing marriages still exist even after

state efforts to annul them. One of the individuals, an Australian, is using the marriage as basis for claiming a right to remain in the U.S. The federal government is fighting this vigorously and, I might add viciously.

So you can see the record is not particularly favorable. Marriage is a civil matter, not a religious one. That sounds odd, doesn't it, considering that most weddings we hear of are held in churches. Here in Ontario and also in Quebec (perhaps in all others, I just haven't pursued the information) a minister officiating at a wedding must have a separate and specific license and must report each wedding to the civil authority. The couple must first obtain a license or the marriage can occur after posting of the banns (a holdover from pioneer days left on the books for the benefit of the far north) and the minister must report that to the government. And once established the marriage and its dissolution are all controlled by the civil law. The function of the church is then to act as an agent of government and to provide a spiritual blessing which is separate from the legal nature of the event.

In N.C.C. we provide a liturgical celebration of Gay relationship which we refer to as Holy Union. We find that for some couples there is a definite spiritual meaning in standing in front of the altar of God and proclaiming their love. We are not into shows, in fact the majority of the 19 we did last year involved only the couple and two close friends as witnesses. Two services were witnessed by the church member who was helping me that day. And we guard against mockery of marriage by insisting that our established order of service be used and that order has eliminated all vestiges of heterosexual marriage, but is rather a proclamation of love and a pledge "my life

to a relationship with you which is based on mutual love, trust and understanding, for as long as God shall bless our love."

What then, is available - and it can be by any minister who is open to accepting the spirituality possible in a relationship between two men or two women - is a celebration and blessing which bear no meaning or consequence in law. Some elements of the legal appeal of marriage can be obtained by having a lawyer draft such documents as wills, partnership agreements, powers of attorney, etc. This has been done by several of the couples who have celebrated their union in the church here.

Yes, it is unfortunate that there is no N.C.C. in Edmonton. I have recently been contacted by a man there who would like to see it get started and we are in communication. If it appears that a beginning work is going to get off the ground, I'll get details to you.

In Christ's name I greet you,

Reverend Robert S. Wolfe

(.....thank you for a most interesting submission.. the editor)

In the April Edition of Club 70 News, we'll be presenting:

"Straight Facts about theGay Church"

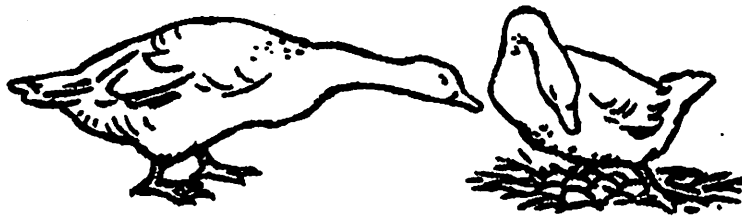
CHANGING TIMES

Blasphemy, Murder, Strife
Bound together in this night
Hands held high against the fight ;
Life's moral degenerates
Walk the streets
Causing pain at their feet,
While we sit
And drink our tea
In this hell wrought sea.
Who cares, who cares we cry
The sacrifice has been made
And again all dues have been paid.

But bear your witness
Against the crime
Cause your turn
may be next time

The air polutes our lungs
And you polute our minds
But Society's Child
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M. Leyden



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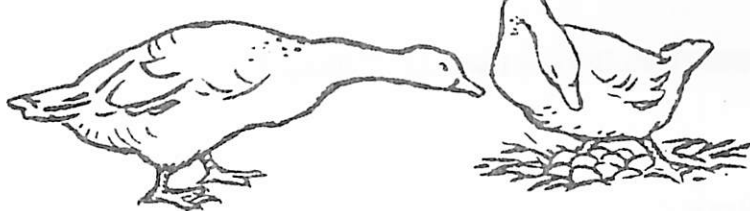
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